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MISCELLANEOUS

The most recent version of CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Mozilla Firefox 3.5 and Internet Explorer 7 and 8. Mozilla Firefox 3.5 and Internet Explorer 8 do not allow users to type directly into a file name box on a document upload screen. Instead, you may click the "browse" button, then search for the document or type the file name in the resulting window.

Where the full document path and title were previously displayed (e.g., on the Notice of Electronic Filing), now only the document title is displayed when using Mozilla Firefox 3.5; using Internet Explorer 8, the full path is displayed for the main document, and the document title only is displayed for attachments.

For data security, it is important to exit the browser after logging out of the application. To encourage this, a message is now displayed upon logout to remind users to exit the browser.

When a name is displayed, the generation is not always included. Many such areas have been modified to include the generation display in an effort to provide consistency throughout the application.

In some instances, you may have encountered an error message while trying to complete an internet payment, at which point the transaction was processed, but no receipt was generated. This problem no longer occurs.

Under certain circumstances, an attorney PACER user was charged slightly more than a PACER-only user for viewing the same output. This has been corrected. All users with a PACER account are now charged the same amount.

To avoid problems with pop-up blockers among various browsers, the pop-up window previously generated by a pay.gov transaction is now displayed as a panel. This panel appears as a part of the original application window, so it is not affected by pop-up blocker settings.

The Court Information utility now includes a "PDF/A Compliance Required" indicator, which is currently set to "n". This will be used in a future release to indicate whether the court requires documents to meet a PDF/A technical standard. No changes to PDF document requirements have been implemented with this upgrade.

Previously, document hyperlinks did not change color when visited. This has been corrected.

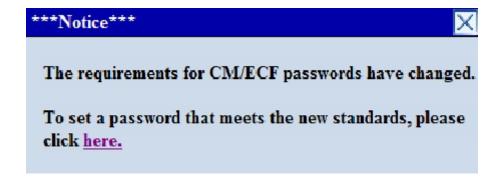
Previously, document number hyperlinks changed only when the cursor passed over them for the first time. This has been corrected. The hyperlinks are now accurate when the page is initially loaded.

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PASSWORD SECURITY

Password security has been improved. All CM/ECF passwords must be changed to meet the new standard. The new standard requires a password to be a minimum of 8 characters, and it must include both upper and lower case alphabetic characters. In addition, the new password must contain at least one digit or special character [e.g., 0 - 9, @, #, \$,%, &, *, +, :].

The first time you log in after the court has implemented release 4.1, the following message will appear:



Click the link within the message to change your password.

After five invalid login attempts on a particular account, the account will be locked out for five minutes. After the lockout period, if an invalid password is entered for the account, a new lockout period is started. Every additional invalid password entered after a lockout will increase the duration of the next lockout.

NOTE: If you are not prepared to change your password, you may close this dialogue box by clicking on the "X" in the upper right hand corner to proceed to CM/ECF. You will continue to receive the warning until you change your password. You will continue to receive the warning message until the password is changed.

If you use any automated software to log in to CM/ECF, remember to update the password information used by the software when you change your CM/ECF password.

NOTICING

Elimination of BNC Notice of Meeting of Creditors to Debtor's Attorneys

Currently, you receive the 341 notice by Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) with the debtor's redacted Social Security Number (SSN) and by U.S. Mail through the BNC with the debtor's full SSN. The improvement provided now will allow the BNC to send you an email containing a secure hyperlink to the unredacted 341 notice in place of a paper notice. The BNC will send one summary email per day containing hyperlinks to one or more notices. Each hyperlink provides one free look to the full notice. You will no longer receive the paper 341 notice from the BNC.

Sample Email Format for Debtors' Attorneys, 341 Notices bncedi@noticingcenter.com Monday, April 11, 2011 8:11 PM Attorney email address From: Subject: BNC E-mail #5 to TP 5000001 [t-4859422] ***NOTE: You may view the following bankruptcy notices once without charge. Additional viewings are available through the court's electronic public access service; fees may apply. To avoid incurring charges, download a copy of the documents during this first viewing This E-mail contains 4 notices totaling 10 pages Your E-mails are serialized; this is r Please do not reply to this E-mail; it was generated automatically. To retrieve the notices, click on the case number links below. Case#, Court form code, Originating court, Title of document filed (1) 99-99999, B9A, Baltimore - V2, "Meeting of Creditors Chapter 7" Office: Baltimore - V2 Chapter: Judge: AAA Name Address

BNC Certificate of Notice

Where a document is being noticed to recipients through the BNC and through CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), the BNC Certificate of Notice will reflect both BNC and CM/ECF NEF recipients. Information regarding who was noticed by NEF, and when they were noticed, will be appended to the BNC Certificate of Notice.

Emailed Bypass Notice to Attorney for Debtor(s)

Address

Currently, you receive printed and mailed BNC bypass notices associated with the court's issuance of the § 341 notice. The improvement provided with this upgrade will result in notification to your primary email address on file with the court of undeliverable addresses for all notices transmitted by the BNC. You will no longer receive paper bypass notices mailed by the BNC.



When creating or updating email notification addresses on user accounts, all users will be prompted to enter both primary and secondary email addresses twice. The address will not be saved until the fields match.

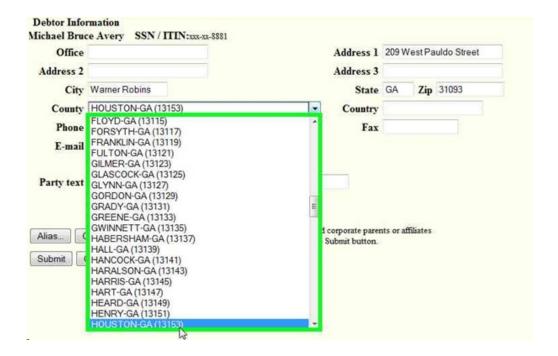
Terminated Parties

Previously, when a party was terminated, the terminated party did not receive notice of the event. Now the terminated party is included in the noticing list for that one event.

COUNTY CODES

Previously each court defined local counties for display in case opening. Now counties for all states are in the database. When opening a case, the county list automatically displays all counties of the state entered in the state field. You must select the county of the debtor's residence. If the debtor's county is outside the state, enter the correct state in the "State" field. This will update the county selection list to display all counties in the state you have selected. The "Out of District" option is no longer available at case opening.

The county format has been changed to include the two-letter state abbreviation. The five digit number following the county name and state abbreviation is an internal county number and not a zip code.



ADVERSARY CASE OPENING

When opening an adversary proceeding, the filer was previously always able to add the defendant's attorney to the case while adding the defendant. Now, the plaintiff's attorney will not be able to add the attorney for the defendant.

The "Attorney" button has been replaced with an "Add additional attorney" button.



When filing a Notice of Removal, select "n" in the Complaint field. A "Counsel for" selection option will appear to allow you to indicate which party you represent. If the default "Plaintiff" is selected, then you will be automatically associated with the plaintiff. New flexibility allows a defendant's attorney to open the Notice of Removal and then select "Defendant" to create the association with that party.



CASES REPORT

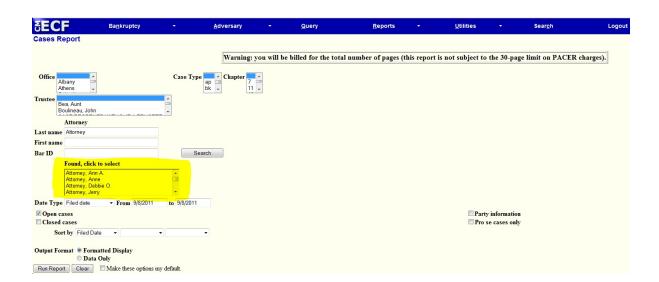
Cases Report

The cases report is now limited to a range of 31 days. This prevents you from unintentionally requesting a large data set, which would result in an unnecessarily large PACER fee.

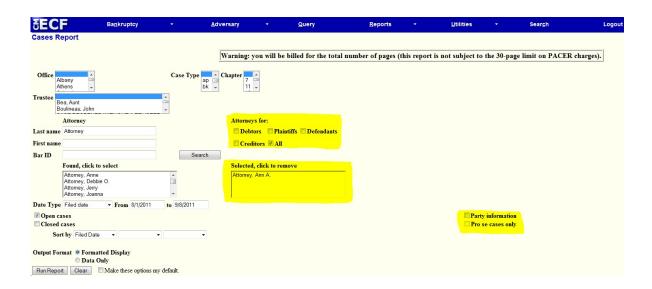
An option to filter the report by attorney name or Bar ID now appears on the selection screen.



When a name is entered, a list of matching attorney names is displayed for your selection.



Once you click on an attorney name, it moves to a "Selected" box. It is possible to select a report with multiple attorneys by performing additional searches. An additional option allows you to narrow your search using check boxes for role types of the parties the attorney represents: debtors, plaintiff, defendants, creditors, or all. You can also choose to view pro se cases only.



The Judicial Conference of the U.S. Courts has set a policy for sealed cases on this CM/ECF report. If you do not have access to sealed cases, limited sealed case information is displayed on the cases report. This report displays only the case number, entered and filed dates, and divisional office. Names of debtors, plaintiffs or defendants will be protected by being displayed as "Sealed" for bankruptcy cases and "Sealed v. Sealed" for adversary proceedings.



SEALED INFORMATION

Filing Sealed Documents and Entries

Courts may now electronically seal documents, entries and cases in CM/ECF. The court determines which users have authorized access to the sealed information.

You may also file documents and entries under seal. You will be notified of the new docket events for filing sealed entries and documents. Some of the docket events that seal information may be designed to grant access to particular user groups and/or users. Filing one of these events automatically restricts the document and/or event information. If a sealed document is filed, for example, only designated court personnel may be able to view the document.

If you click on a document hyperlink from a Notice of Electronic Filing email, you may be required to log in to receive a free look. It must be verified that you have access to view the document before the free look is given.

Viewing Sealed Information

If you do not have access to sealed cases, limited sealed case information is displayed on the Cases report. This report displays the case number, entered and filed dates, office, and generic case title text according to case type: "SEALED" for bankruptcy cases, "SEALED v. SEALED" for adversary and miscellaneous proceedings.

If you **are** authorized to see certain sealed data, the information appears identical to unsealed information in CM/ECF, except that a warning message will appear to remind you that the information being viewed is sealed and must not be shared.



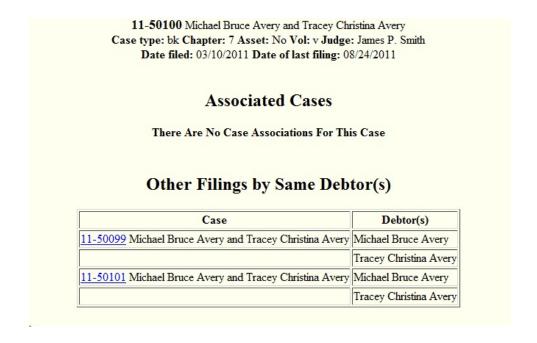
QUERY

Query by Name

When searching by name, additional information is now displayed on the results page to provide more detail for selection. A row of information is displayed to the screen for each case in which that person is involved, as shown below:

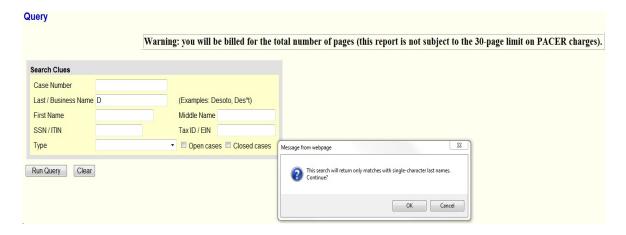
Select a Case									
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Name	Case No.	Case Title	Chapter / Lead BK case	Date Filed	Party Role	Date Closed			
Avery, Michael B (pty) (1 case)	11-50100	Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	7	03/10/11	Debtor	N/A			
Avery, Michael B. (pty) (1 case)	11-50101	Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	7	03/10/11	Debtor	N/A			
Avery, Michael B. (pty) (1 case)	11-50099	Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	7	03/10/11	Debtor	N/A			
Avery, Michael Bruce (pty) (4 cases)	11-05032	Pool Equipment and Supply Company v. Avery et al	Lead BK: 11-50099 Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	08/24/11	Defendant	N/A			
	11-50099	Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	7	03/10/11	Debtor	N/A			
	11-50100	Michael Bruce Avery and Tracey Christina Avery	7	03/10/11	Debtor	N/A			

After running a query and clicking on the "Associated Cases" link, a new "Other filings by Same Debtor(s)" selection has been added. This will display all cases that share a debtor or joint debtor with the case currently being viewed.



One Character Name Query

In previous versions of CM/ECF, two characters of the last name were required for a name search on the Query screen, making it impossible for a user to search for a person by using a single character in the last name field. With this upgrade, if a single character is entered into the last name field, it is evaluated for the exact name match only. A message will appear on the screen informing the user that only exact matches will be found, as shown below:



Searching with a wildcard and one character (a^*) is not permitted.

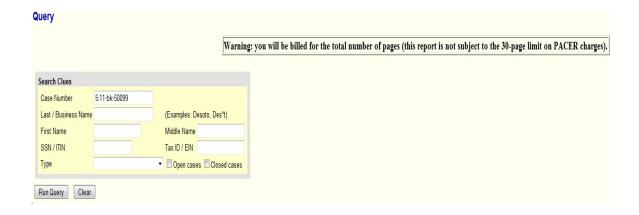
View Document

There was previously no way to view a document without first viewing the docket report. Now, a "View Document" link on the Query menu allows you to enter a document number in the case and view the document without having to run a docket report. This feature will enable PACER users to eliminate charges for first accessing the docket report. Users must know the document number to access the PDF document in this manner.



Query Billing

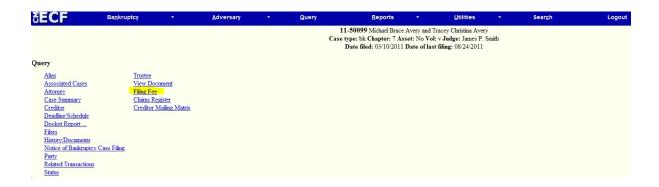
A warning message has been added to the Query search screen to remind PACER users that there is no 30-page PACER billing cap on the information retrieved from these searches.



Filing Fee

In order to see the filing fee balance due for a particular case, the filer can choose Query and enter the case number and click on [Run Report]. By clicking on the "Filing Fee" option that appears on the screen shown below, you can see the filing fee balance due for a case.

Please Note: This report will only show the filing fees due balance for bankruptcy cases filed after the CM/ECF upgrade has taken place.



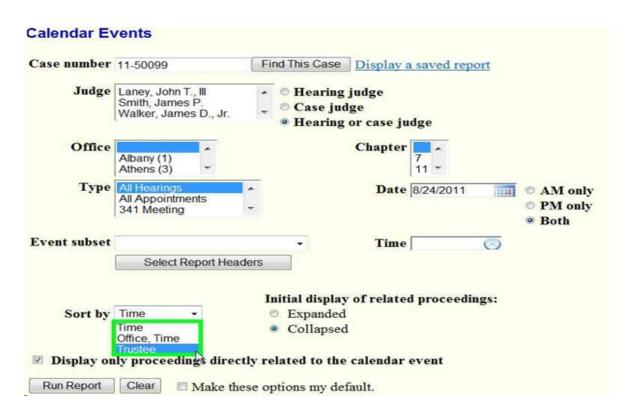
All CM/ECF users making fee payments by Credit Card through Pay.gov must use Internet Explorer 7 or 8 or FireFox 3.5 as their browser. These are the only browsers supported by the most recent version of the U.S. Treasury's Pay.gov system.

CALENDAR EVENTS REPORT

Calendar Events Report

The Calendar Events selection screen now includes:

- Two date fields to generate this calendar for one or more days
- Calendar icons to set the dates
- A new trustee sort option
- An option to automatically display related proceedings as a default view (Expanded)
- An option not to display related proceedings as a default view (Collapsed)
- A check box for displaying only matters that are directly related to the calendar event

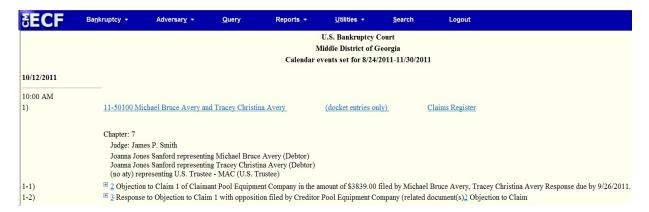


The hearing is usually linked to the matter being heard (usually the motion). Any item linked through docketing to the motion is directly related to the calendar event. However, sometimes the hearing will be linked through docketing to an objection or a response that is related to the motion itself.

If you check the box next to "Display only proceedings directly related to the calendar event" only the objection or response will be shown and the motion will not because it is indirectly

linked to the hearing. If you leave the box unchecked, you will see all activity related to the hearing and the motion.

The calendar below has been generated with the collapsed option, with related proceedings hidden. The plus icon shows you could access related proceedings if desired. Click this icon to view related proceedings on the same screen. The icon will then change to a minus symbol. Click again to collapse the display.



The second screen displays the expanded related docket events. Note the minus sign next to the event description.



The numbering of each matter on the calendar in sequential order makes it easier to read.

Hyperlinks to the docket entries only (without the full docket report) and to the claims register have been added to the report. Previously, document numbers within the related docket text were not hyperlinked. With this upgrade, all the document numbers are links to the PDF documents.

Time Selection Icon

On the calender events report and other reports allowing a time clock selection, the time field now includes an icon to populate the time from a graphic clock.



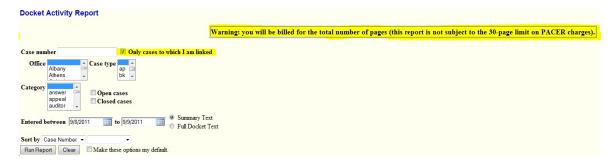
When clicked, the cursor can be moved around the clock face to select a time. The time selection is displayed in the box. The lighter shading of the clock is for an "AM" time and the darker shading of the clock is for a "PM" setting. Also, the time can be entered in the box manually without clicking on the clock icon if preferred.

DOCKET ACTIVITY AND DOCKET REPORT

DOCKET ACTIVITY

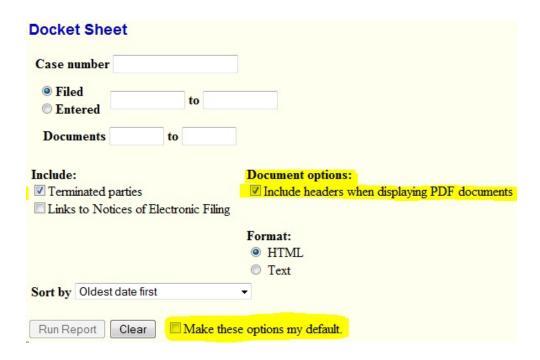
This report is now limited to a range of thirty-one days. This prevents you from unintentionally requesting a large data set, which would result in an unnecessarily large PACER fee.

The "Only cases to which I am linked" check box, which was previously displayed for attorneys only, is now also displayed for Trustee and U.S. Trustees.



DOCKET REPORT

The "Include headers..." check box now defaults to checked. This default can be revised by the user by checking or deselecting the option "Make these options my default."



The caption of the docket report has been enhanced to include the following:

- 1. The Show Associated Cases hyperlink appears only when an active association exists.
- 2. The county of residence displays the address information for the debtor and joint debtor.
- 3. Each alias is printed on it's own individual line.
- 4. The attorney's information includes an active hyperlink to the attorney's email.



CLAIMS FILING

Claims Filing - Proof of Claim Form

The Proof of Claim entry screen text and formatting have been modified to match the Official B10 Claim Form.

- The total amount of the claim should be entered into the Amount Claimed field.
- If indicated on the claim, the amount of the claim that is secured and the amount of the claim that is priority can be entered for informational purposes.
- The unsecured or unknown amounts can no longer be entered.
- The total amount of the claim is no longer calculated.



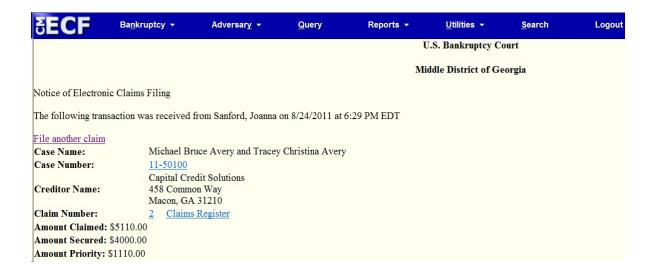
Claims Activity

If the case is closed, the word "Closed" along with the date closed will appear beside the case number and the debtor's name.

Previously, when a claim was transferred via a Transfer Agreement, the filer to whom the claim was transferred was listed as the filer of the original claim. This was incorrect, and inconsistent with the information displayed on the Claims Register. Now the original filer name is displayed for the original claim, and the filer to whom the claim was transferred is listed for subsequent claim actions.

Notices of Electronic Claims Filing will now show the categories of the claim amounts requested by the claimant. Claims filed in CM/ECF prior to this upgrade may display unsecured or unknown amounts if they are a part of the claim record.

The "File another claim" hyperlink was previously displayed at the bottom of the Notice of Electronic Claims Filing. Now the hyperlink has been moved to the top of the notice for easier access.



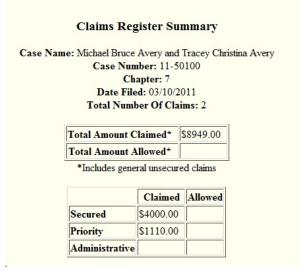
Claims Reports

Corrections:

- The "Entered by" field displays the filer of the most recent claim record
- The "Entered by" field displays correctly on the claims report
- The "Originally filed as" claim number displays correctly in the History section
- The History section displays "Unknown Claimed Amount" and "Admin Claimed Amount" on separate lines

The Claims Register Summary calculates an aggregate Total Amount Claimed for this case from the Total Amount Claimed on each claim. If no dollar value is entered into the Amount Claimed field of a claim, the total of the Claims Register Summary for the case will not be accurate.





Bankruptcy Rule 3001.2

This rule is for the protection of the debtor and the creditors' interests in the event of changes to the mortgage payments under the plan that affect Chapter 13 debtors. This rule provides for Chapter 13 debtors to maintain payments on their principal residence.

This rule is added to aid in the implementation of 11 U.S.C. 1322(b)(5), which permits a Chapter 13 debtor to cure a default and maintain payments on a home mortgage over the course of the debtor's plan. It applies regardless of whether the trustee or the debtor is the disbursing agent for post-petition mortgage payments. If the post-petition payment obligation changes over time, notice of any change in payment needs to be conveyed to the debtor and trustee. The Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment (B10 Attachment A) must be filed with the proof of claim as required by new Rule 3001(c)(2). The form includes a statement of the principal and interest due as of the petition date, a statement of pre-petition fees, expenses, and charges and a statement of the amount necessary to cure a default as of the petition date. If the mortgage installment payments include an escrow deposit, an escrow account statement must also be attached to the proof of claim, as required by Rule 3001(c)(2)(C).

Rule 3001.2 also provides a way for the mortgage creditor to inform the debtor of changes in post-petition payment obligations without fearing that they will violate the automatic stay.

Creditors must file three new events as a supplement to the proof of claim. These forms should not be filed as an attachment to the proof of claim or as an amended proof of claim.

Notice of Mortgage Payment Change (B10 Supplement 1) – If there is a change in payment, including any change that results from an interest rate or escrow account adjustment, the creditor must file and serve on the debtor, debtor's attorney, and trustee a notice of mortgage payment change no later than 21 days before the payment of the new amount is due.

Notice of Post-petition Mortgage Fees, Expenses, and Charges (B10 Supplement 2) – The rule also requires the creditor to file and serve on the debtor, debtor's attorney, and trustee, an itemized notice of any post-petition fees, expenses, and charges that the creditor asserts are recoverable from the debtor or against the debtor's principal residence (e.g., inspection fees, late charges, or attorney's fees). This notice must be served within 180 days after the date on which the fees, expenses, or charges are incurred. The creditor will then file a Notice of Post-petition Mortgage Fees, Expenses and Charges. This notice details late charges, NSF fees, attorney fees, court cost, etc. that the creditor claims the debtor is responsible for.

Response to Notice of Final Cure Payment – Must be filed and served on the debtor, debtor's attorney and trustee indicating (1) whether the creditor agrees that the debtor has paid in full the amount required to cure the default on the claim; and (2) whether the debtor is otherwise current on all payments consistent with 1322(b)(5). This response must be filed and served within 21 days after service of the Chapter 13 Trustee's Notice of Final Cure Payment.

TRUSTEE'S 341 FILINGS

The Trustee's 341 Filings program has been enhanced to include the options to:

- Continue multiple 341 meetings at one time
- Add customized text to each docket entry
- Add standardized text to indicate whether the debtor(s) appeared
- Sort by time as well as case number
- Allow Chapter 13 trustees to use the Trustee's 341 Filings program

Continue Multiple 341 Meetings

On the Trustee's 341 Filings selection screen, a new "Continue multiple 341 meetings" check box is displayed. A new sort by time option gives flexibility in organizing the cases on the calendar.



If this box is checked, a new screen is displayed to allow the trustee to continue 341 meetings for some or all of the cases with meetings on the selected date.



This screen displays all cases for which the trustee has a 341 meeting scheduled on the selected day. The trustee makes date, time and location selections. An "Additional docket text" field allows the trustee to add information to the docket text. Additionally, the user may make selections from the radio buttons to the right indicating whether the debtor(s) appeared.

Chapter 7 341 Meeting Processing Screen

If the trustee runs the report without selecting the "Continue multiple 341 meetings" box, this Trustee's 341 Filings screen is displayed.



For all options other than "No Action," a text box and debtor appearance selections are displayed.



Chapter 13 Trustees

A new option in CM/ECF allows Chapter 13 Trustees to use the Trustee's 341 Filings batch program to process their 341 meetings.

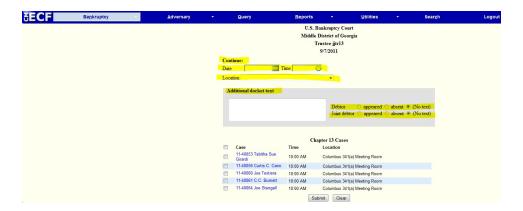
Each case on the calendar can be processed at once, or individual cases can be selected for docketing. Standardized entries for each selection will be automatically docketed to the case.

Continue Multiple 341 Meetings

On the Trustee's 341 Filings selection screen, a "Continue multiple 341 meetings" check box is displayed.



If this box is checked for "Continue multiple 341 meetings", the next screen will be displayed to allow the trustee to continue 341 meetings for some or all of the cases with meetings on the selected date.



This screen displays all cases for which the trustee has a 341 meeting scheduled on the selected day. The trustee makes date, time and location selections. An "Additional docket text" field allows the trustee to add information to the docket text. The user may make selections from the radio buttons to the right to indicate whether the debtor(s) appeared.

Chapter 13 341 Meeting Processing Screen

If the Chapter 13 Trustee runs the report without selecting the "Continue multiple 341 meetings" box, the screen below is displayed.



For all options other than "No Action," a text box and debtor appearance selections are displayed.

